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## **Press Release Announcement – August 11, 2011 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona's Upland Cotton Production Expected 21 Percent Higher than in 2010**

Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 248,000 acres, up 55,000 acres or 28 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 1,432 pounds per acre, 85 pounds less than the record high yield recorded in 2010. Production is forecast at 740,000 bales, 130,000 more bales than last year. The cotton crop is in mostly good to excellent condition. American-Pima cotton harvested acreage, at 11,000 acres, is 8,500 acres more than a year ago. Production is expected to total 20,000 bales, an increase of 15,600 bales from 2010. Pima yield is estimated at 873 pounds per acre.

Arizona dry bean production from 8,000 acres is expected to total 155,000 hundredweight, a decrease of 88,000 hundredweight or 36 percent less than last year's production. Average yield is expected at 1,960 pounds per acre. Pinto bean acreage is estimated at 2,400, a decrease of 3,600 from a year ago. Other Arizona crop forecasts of production include alfalfa, at 1.98 million tons, down 14 percent; and apples, at 12.0 million pounds, a decrease of 5 million pounds.

The U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 16.6 million 480-pound bales, down 9 percent from last year's 18.1 million bales. Yield is expected to average 822 pounds per harvested acre, up 10 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.8 million 480-pound bales,

down 10 percent from 2010. American Pima production is forecast at 737,200 bales, up 46 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 9.67 million acres of all cotton, down 10 percent from 2010. This harvested total includes 9.38 million acres of Upland cotton and 287,500 acres of Pima cotton.

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